DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

		Normal.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—	Rice	... 10 to 11	6½ to 7	seers per rupee.
	Ragi	... 25 to 30	16 to 17	

Manure is being collected.
Cattle are in good condition.
Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market well supplied.

9. Standing crops are in good condition. Sugar-cane is harvested in some parts of Bangalore, Dodballapur and Channapatna. The outturn of this crop is reported to be good. Agricultural operations are at a stand-still for want of rains.

10. Prospects of the season depend on the expected rains. Want of rain is felt throughout.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy. Water and dry fodder are available. In (7+22+1+2) or 32 villages of Hoskote, Kankanhalli, Nelamangala and Anekal temporary wells are reported to have been sunk in beds of dried tanks.

KOLAR.

8. Market well supplied, but prices are very high.

9. Sugar-cane is being planted in Bowringpet, Chintamani and Sidlaghatta. Vaisakhi paddy is being sown in Goribidnur under kapile wells. Sugar-cane in Chintamani and paddy in Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli and Gudibanda are being harvested.

10. The long expected mungar rains are still withholding. Food stocks are available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally in good condition, but in parts of Bagepalli and Gudibanda they are reported to be suffering from foot and mouth disease and also from some kind of eruption like small-pox in the former taluk. Pasture in fields and grazing lands has been completely exhausted. Difficulty for water for men and cattle is gradually increasing.

TUMKUR.

8 Market well supplied.

9. Paddy in Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira, Pavagada, Koratagere and Turuvekere, cholum in Sira, sugar-cane in Gubbi and Kunigal and cotton in Pavagada are being harvested. Sugar-cane in Maddagiri and Koratagere and nat-ragi in Pavagada are being sown. Standing Vaisakhi paddy and sugar-cane crops in Maddagiri, Sira, Pavagada, Kunigal and Koratagere are in fair condition. Elsewhere they are withering for want of water. The following is the estimated outturn of crops harvested :—

Maddagiri—Paddy 12 annas.
Chiknayakanhalli—Paddy 2 to 4 annas.
Sira—Paddy 4 to 8 annas, cholum 2 to 4 annas.
Gubbi—Sugar-cane 2 annas.
Koratagere—Paddy 4 to 12 annas.
Pavagada—Paddy 4 annas, cotton 2 annas.
Turuvekere—Paddy 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not encouraging. Food stocks are available for the present. Supply of water in wells is diminishing. Mungar rains are anxiously awaited. Some irrigation wells were started in the Maddagiri Taluk by landholders, and they afford labour and handsome wages to the people of those parts. Hence test-works intended to be started are deferred.

11. Public health generally good, except that small-pox prevails in parts of Tiptur, Kunigal and Turuvekere. It is reported that it is subsiding in Gubbi.

12. Cattle are just beginning to decline in condition. Foot and mouth disease prevails in parts of Kunigal and Turuvekere. In parts of Gubbi, Tiptur, Turuvekere, Chiknayakanhalli and Sira date leaves are used as fodder for cattle. Cholum and kadale pretty extensively cultivated in tank-beds provided some fodder for cattle. Temporary wells are being constructed in tank-beds, as also drinking water wells all over the district. Water in State Forests is made available wherever needed.

MYSORE.

8. Market well supplied.

9. Standing sugar-cane in Seringapatam, and Krishnarajpete mulberry and sugar-cane in T.-Narsipur and Malvalli and cotton, sugar-cane and mulberry in Chamrajnagar are reported to be fair. Cholum sown in parts of Mysore, mulberry planted in parts of Malvalli, and sugar-cane sown under tanks in parts of Nagamangala are reported to be withering for want

of rain. Lands have been made ready for sowing in all parts and rains are anxiously awaited. The probable outturn of crops is estimated as follows :—

T.-Narsipur—Sugar-cane and mulberry 12 annas.

Krishnarajpete—Sugar-cane, black and green grams 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not good. The condition of things has in no way improved by the rainfall during the week. Food stocks are reported to be small.

11. Public health generally good, but small-pox is still reported to be prevailing in Heggaddevankote.

12. Cattle in parts of Heggaddevankote and Malvalli are reported to be suffering from foot and mouth disease. In other parts they are healthy. Fodder is available only in limited quantities, and difficulty for water for men and cattle considerably felt in most parts of the district.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied, but prices increasing.

9. Standing crops, *viz.*, sugar-cane in Hassan, Belur, Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Hole-Narsipur and Alur; paddy in Arsikere and Manjarabad and kar-paddy in Hassan, are reported to be fading for want of rain. Black and green grams and tadagani in Hole-Narsipur are reported to be in fair condition. The probable outturn of standing crops in Hole-Narsipur is estimated at 8 annas. Agricultural operations are delayed for want of rains, but in parts of Arkalgud Taluk seeds are being sown.

10. Prospects of the season not encouraging owing to the Mungar rains having held off till now. Food stocks are sufficient for the present. Rain is very badly needed throughout.

11. Public health generally good, but small-pox is reported to be still existing in several parts.

12. Cattle generally healthy, but for foot and mouth disease which still prevails in parts of Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Arkalgud, Manjarabad, Hole-Narsipur and Belur, as also the disease known as "*Metrigattu*" in parts of Arkalgud. Fodder and water generally available, except in parts of Channarayapatna and Arsikere, where difficulty is felt for want of both.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market well supplied. Prices high.

9. Kar-paddy under the Sulekere tank in Channagiri and in the Taluks of Sagar and Nagar and sugar-cane in Sagar and Nagar are in a fair condition in areas where water is still available. Elsewhere sugar-cane and kar-paddy are withering. Efforts are being made in the Shimoga Taluk to preserve the sugar-cane plants by lifting water from water pits dug up for the purpose and from the river. Paddy seedlings are being raised in some parts of Tirthahalli. The ground is being ploughed and manure collected in some parts of Nagar and Sorab.

10. Food stocks are reported to be somewhat insufficient in parts of Shimoga, Shikarpur, Sorab and Kumsi. Rain is anxiously awaited everywhere.

11. Public health is generally good. Small-pox prevails in parts of Shimoga, Channagiri, Sagar and Tirthahalli, and fever in parts of Kumsi.

12. Scarcity of water is on the increase in all taluks. Fodder supply is limited everywhere except in Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli.

KADUR.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. Ploughing is carried on in parts of Koppa. Sugar-cane is being planted in Tarikere and kar-paddy is being sown in parts of Mudgere. The standing crops of sugar-cane in parts of Tarikere and Yedahalli; kar-paddy in parts of Mudgere and Koppa, and kar-paddy and sugar-cane in parts of Kadur and Chikmagalur are in fairly good condition. Kar-paddy and sugar-cane are being harvested in Kadur. Ploughing and other agricultural operations are delayed for want of rain. Arecanut gardens in parts of Malnad Taluks require water. The probable outturn of kar-paddy and sugar-cane in Kadur are respectively from 2 to 8 and from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not encouraging. Rain is badly needed throughout. Food stocks are available and sufficient for the present.

11. Public health generally good, except that small-pox prevails in parts of Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Koppa.

12. Foot and mouth disease to cattle is reported to be subsiding. Water and fodder are generally available, but water-supply is scanty in parts of Chikmagalur, Kadur, Yedahalli and Tarikere.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. The estimated outturn of crops harvested during the week is as follows :—

Chitaldrug—Sugar-cane 8 annas.

Holalkere—Paddy under kapile wells 8 annas.

Davangere—Sugar-cane 4 annas.

It is reported that lands in Harihar have been made ready for sowing.

10. Prospects of the season fair. Food stocks available.

11. Public health good.

12. Cattle healthy. Water and fodder procurable in limited quantities.

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